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Lands End Farm
Church Hill vicinity
Private

early 19th century

Lands End Farm stands on what is believed to be the site of Ogle Town, an 18th century settlement on the Chester River. No physical evidence has been found of the town, but the farm remains an important archeological site.

The frame wing of the main house at Lands End is reputedly 18th century, but a fire and later renovations have obscured any evidence of fabric dating earlier than the early 19th century. A carefully preserved post-and-plank meat house in the side yard probably dates to the second quarter of the 19th century.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lands End Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wilmer Point on Lands End Road

JUL 7/15/93

CITY, TOWN

Church Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Lands End Farm

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 19

Folio #: 405

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lands End Farm stands at the northernmost end of Wilmer Neck, a peninsula bounded by the Chester River on the west, Southeast branch on the north, and on the east by Island Creek. The house and farm buildings overlook the Chester River and are located in the center of what is believed to be the site of Ogle Town, a "ghost town" that was established in 1732, but apparently never thrived and eventually disappeared.

The main house and the majority of the farm buildings all date to the 20th century, but the southwest wing of the house is reputed to be 18th century, and a large post-and-plank meathouse, probably dating to the mid-19th century, still stands to the southeast of the house.

The wing has been through several renovations, and has been modernized in recent years. Very little early fabric remains exposed, and what little could be examined was ambiguous.

Of frame construction, this building is one-and-one-half stories high with a central chimney. The overall dimensions of the original section are 22 feet by 30 feet. A wing has been added to the rear, and

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

the exterior siding, roof, cornice, and windows are modern.

The interior is laid out in a two-room plan, with the chimney centered on the partition wall, facing the northeast room. A small stairway in the south corner of this room leads to the second floor.

The cellar is modern, consisting of a concrete block foundation and a concrete slab floor. The sills are hewn, and the joists are pit sawn, but there is no further evidence to aid in dating.

The roof is of common rafter construction secured at the ridge with a pegged mortise and tenon joint. The collars are half-lapped and nailed with machine nails, and also serve as ceiling joists. The nailers for the room are narrow and very uniform, and may not be original. The gable studs are secured with machine nails. The interior of the roof structure has been heavily scorched by a fire. The damage is uniform throughout the accessible portion of the roof, and suggests a flash of fire from a source on one of the lower floors, which was extinguished before irreparable damage was done to the roof.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

There is not sufficient evidence to propose a date for this house. It clearly predates the larger house adjoining it, but the only clearly dateable evidence consists of the machine nails in the roof, which could easily have been rebuilt in the nineteenth century. Pit sawn joists and hewn sills could suggest an earlier date, but are still found as late as the mid-19th century.

Meathouse

The meat house is approximately fourteen feet by sixteen feet, and rests on modern brick piers at the edge of the driveway. It is of post and plank construction, covered with wide vertical planks and wood shingles. The gable roof is approximately 45 degrees in pitch. There is one door in the center of the northwest gable. This is very wide and low, only four feet, eleven inches high. The door is not original, but is hung on large wrought iron strap hinges and pintels.

This building appears to be a rather late example of post and plank construction, typified by smaller logs hewn on all four sides, rather than being pit sawn from a large hewn log. They average 6½ inches

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

by 4½ inches. They are mortised into corner posts and secured with pegs driven in from the outside. There are no intermediate posts, and no downbraces. The spaces between the logs have been filled with split scraps of wood and brickbats and plastered. The ceiling joists are hewn, and support a flat false plate. Machine sawn common rafters are mortise and tenoned at the ridge and secured with a peg. There is a double set of collars half-dovetailed into the rafter pairs and secured with machine nails. The gable studs are mortised into the top plate at the bottom and nailed at the top with machine nails. Plain horizontal weatherboards cover the exterior face of the gable studs, and these have in turn been covered with wood shingles. The wide floorboards are nailed to round log sleepers. The top face of each sleeper has been hewn flat, and mortises cut at each end, but the bark is left on.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lands End Farm stands on what is believed to be the site of Ogle Town, an 18th century settlement on the Chester River. Although no physical evidence has yet been found of the town, this is an important archeological site. The house that stands on this site is reputed to be 18th century, but positive dating evidence is lacking. It seems unlikely that this house is early enough to be the only remaining structure of Ogle Town, and may even date to the nineteenth century. The post and plank meat house is of particular interest, providing a well-preserved and carefully maintained example of a type of construction that was thought to be extremely rare in Tidewater Maryland, but is appearing with increasing frequency. This particular structure exhibits a number of features which are useful in establishing a progression of characteristics that can be used in dating similar buildings.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

8/22/78

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Lands End Farm

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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Church Hill vicinity, Md.
Orlando Ridout V, 1978 (MHT)
Early wing, NW facade



QA-305 Lands End Farm: Meathouse
Church Hill vicinity, MD
Orlando Ridout V, 1978 (MHT)
NW Gable, camera facing SE